

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Claude BAUDELET

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For: FOULING REDUCTION DEVICE FOR A TUBULAR HEAT EXCHANGER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) Device as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that the metallic alloy of which it is made is comprised of the following metals, in the content ranges as indicated, in % by weight:

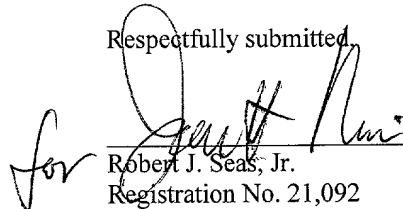
- nickel: between 55 and 65%
- chrome: between 20 and 25%
- molybdenum: between 5 and 10%
- niobium: between 2.5 and 4%
- iron: to complete at 100%

4. (Amended) Application of the device as set forth in claim 1, to exchangers used in crude oil refineries.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) Device as set forth in ~~one of~~ claims 1-~~or~~2, characterized in that the metallic alloy of which it is made is comprised of the following metals, in the content ranges as indicated, in % by weight:

- nickel: between 55 and 65%
- chrome: between 20 and 25%
- molybdenum: between 5 and 10%
- niobium: between 2.5 and 4%
- iron: to complete at 100%

4. (Amended) Application of the device as set forth in any one of claims 1-through-3, to exchangers used in crude oil refineries.

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